

HARDING TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Simple Ceremonies Mark the Inauguration of the New Chief Executive.

VISITORS FILL THE CAPITAL

Good Weather Makes Outdoor Features Possible—Many Governors of States and Other Notables on Hand to Honor the Event.

Washington, March 4.—Bright weather, with a cold, blustering March wind, marked the opening of inauguration day.

The inaugural ceremonies were the shortest in history, and but few inaugurations have been more simple.

Before a standing crowd of thousands, which completely filled the broad plaza and eadied for blocks around the capitol itself, the new President accepted the supreme gift of the republic in a short inaugural address—an address in which he did not attempt to outline in other than general terms the program of international and domestic problems to be followed by his administration.

Day Clear and Cold.

Inauguration day dawned clear and cold. The temperature was not far from freezing, and there was a stiff breeze whipping the flags that decorated Pennsylvania avenue and the government buildings.

In other days crowds moved restlessly up and down the street all night long and dawn found many of them camping sleepily in points of vantage along historic Pennsylvania avenue to view the great cavalcade of dignitaries. This morning a machine gun could have swept the length and breadth of the avenue with but few casualties.

No Pomp or Ceremony.

There was something oddly and distinctly businesslike about today's inaugural. Gone were the pomp and pageantry and display of other years with their extravagant decorations, crashing bands, marching military, and horse-drawn carriages of state proudly bearing silk-hatted and frock-coated dignitaries in great parade.

In their stead came today the swift motor car, little mule and an apparent desire to get things over with in the shortest possible time and settle down to the momentous labors that confront the new administration.

Today's events began to march with swift efficiency shortly after 10 o'clock, when half a dozen automobiles drew smartly up before the Willard hotel. They formed the entire parade of the Harding inaugural. Only the first four cars were really in it, the others being occupied by secret service men and reporters. Here all the members of the inaugural party were picked up with the exception of the President and Mrs. Wilson.

Committee Meets Harding.

Shortly after 11 o'clock a half-dozen motors drew up in front of the United States capitol, threatening their way through the throngs which had gathered there, and the members of the congressional committee appointed to conduct the inauguration clambered in and whirled downtown.

Headed by Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, the congressional committee went to the hotel room where Mr. Harding had spent the morning at work. The committee with due formality announced that they had arrived to conduct the President-elect to the capitol to be inaugurated, and the former Senator, with absolute lack of formality, addressed them familiarly, folded a small manuscript into his pocket and joined the committee. A great crowd assembled before the hotel cheered as the new executive made his way to a powerful motor and was whirled away to his future home—the White House.

As the cars drew up before the White House gates, the police on duty there saluted their new "boss," and he waved his hand at them.

Greets President Wilson.

At the White House doors the congressional committee was met by the chief usher and shown into the east room, where President Wilson was seated. After an exchange of greetings the outgoing President rose, and while attendants wrapped him carefully in a cape, made his way to the car where his successor awaited him. President Wilson and President-elect Harding then drove together down Pennsylvania avenue, through a lane which police and secret service men had swept clear. Both the retiring and the incoming Presidents acknowledged the wild applause of the throngs.

Arrive at Capitol.

Arriving at the capitol the party made their way to the senate floor. President Wilson went to the President's room, just off the senate chamber, where he seated himself at a desk and began the signature of bills passed in the closing minutes of congress.

A few minutes before the hands of the senate clock turned to twelve the President-elect and the Vice-President-elect went into the senate chamber. There Mr. Harding was greeted by his old friends and some of his old political enemies, and he was apparently at complete ease, for he felt at home there—it was the scene of his first big public service.

Vice President Takes Oath.

Vice President Marshall called for order. Twitching his gray mustache he made a characteristically brief speech, thanking the senators for the courtesies they had shown him and then called Calvin Coolidge to be sworn in as Vice President. Newly-elected members of the senate were

OATH OF OFFICE SHORT AND SIMPLE

Washington, March 4.—The oath of office of President as administered today by the chief justice of the United States, Edward Douglass White, follows: "I, Warren Gamaliel Harding, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

sworn in and the senate was adjourned she die.

With the congressional committee in the lead, President-elect Harding was escorted through the winding marble halls of the capitol to the front entrance.

As the new President made his appearance on the steps of the capitol building the crowds gathered in capitol park went wild with cheering.

Mounts Inaugural Platform.

Preceded by Chief Justice White, the President-elect mounted to a small platform which had been erected at the foot of the capitol steps.

With his flowing black robes swishing in the breeze the elderly chief justice stood erect and, facing the thronged, statuary new President, administered the oath of office.

The hand of Warren G. Harding was respectfully placed on the Bible, the oath of office given, and the United States had a new chief executive.

Delivers Inaugural Address.

Haltling for a few minutes—perhaps for a silent prayer—President Harding stepped to the front of the platform, placing his manuscript on a little table which has been used by every President since Abraham Lincoln, and delivered his inaugural address.

The inaugural address completed, President Harding, still the object of the throngs' admiration, took his seat in his automobile, hopped over and instructed the chauffeur to "go as fast as the traffic laws will allow," and was whirled back to the White House.

At the White House a little group awaited—a group of those dearest to the President. There was the tall, gray-haired woman that the President affectionately addressed as "the duchess"—the first lady of the land—and there was an upright standing, bearded old gentleman, the President's father, and his brother and a few other members of his immediate family. They joined in a simple luncheon together.

Political Leaders on Hand.

Political leaders from all parts of the country were here today for the inauguration. The veteran of them all was former Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York, who has attended every inauguration since Abraham Lincoln.

Among the governors who had arrived were: Albert O. Brown of New Hampshire, Harry L. Davis of Ohio, Thomas E. Campbell of Arizona, Warren T. McGary of Indiana, Chauncey H. Cox of Massachusetts, Henry J. Allen of Kansas, Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky and Percival P. Baxter of Maine.

Theodore Roosevelt of New York, who will be the assistant secretary of the navy, also had arrived and was the guest last night of Representative and Mrs. Longworth of Ohio.

Wilson's Last Night in White House.

Woodrow Wilson passed his last evening in the White House studying bills and resolutions which had reached him from the capitol during the day. He retired later than usual.

Many messages were received congratulating him on his administration of the nation's affairs and carrying good wishes in his return to private life. The names of those sending the messages were not made public, but it was said that several were from abroad.

The President late in the day took his customary automobile ride. He was not accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, who remained behind to superintend the winding up of household affairs. It was on the President's return that President-elect and Mrs. Harding called at the White House.

FLOWER GARDENS HER PRIDE

Wife of Secretary of Agriculture Will Part From Des Moines Home With Regret.

Washington.—If May Broadhead Wallace, wife of the new Secretary of Agriculture, is excited or nervous over the new honor that has come to her husband, nobody knows it but herself. She says she is going to miss Des Moines, her home, but, most of all she will miss her flower gardens this spring.

Mrs. Wallace has been praised for her cooking by some of the greatest men in America, for the Wallace home has long been known for its hospitality and many men of greatness have been welcomed under its roof. Mrs. Wallace is a member of the Phi Beta Psi sorority and a graduate of Ames college. She met her husband while at Ames college, and they began their happy married life on Thanksgiving day in the year 1887.

RIVERDALE

Mrs. Nellie Rose left Tuesday for a three weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mathews of Shepherd.

Mrs. Henry Baird of Alma was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett are now nicely settled in their new home which they recently purchased from Thomas Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Herrington are quite ill.

Mrs. W. Nye and children of St. Louis was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Callie Foster.

Wm. Geuhl, Homer VanBuskirk, Percy Schnepf and Mrs. Ben Smith are ill with small pox.

F. Curtis of Stanton was in town Monday on business.

The quarantine has been lifted from the homes of Mrs. Julia Rice, L. M. Forquer, Samuel Alexander and Frank Hyde.

Merle Forquer, Harold Hyde and the Misses Rita Green and Isa Rice were Alma visitors Sunday.

Miss Tila Bradley was home from St. Louis over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Mallory of near Elwell spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horton.

Mrs. E. M. Highfield visited friends in Breckenridge Friday.

Mrs. Lee Schaffer and daughter Thelma left Tuesday for their new home near Pontiac.

Miss Tella VanAlstine visited relatives at Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. LaPaugh returned Monday from her two months visit with relatives near Blanchard.

Emerson Harrison has accepted a position with the Lohby, McNeill & Lohby pickle station in Alma.

Chas. Whittemore has moved from the Chas. Green building to his new store on Main street and is now nicely settled and ready for business.

Forest LaPaugh of Blanchard was in town Monday calling on friends.

Charles Rice returned to Pontiac Monday morning after spending the past two weeks with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

P. Jerome of Alma was in town Tuesday on business.

Jack Mohlo has returned from his three months visit with friends and relatives in California. Mrs. Mohlo was called home on account of important business. Mrs. Mohlo and son Donald will continue their visit at San Diego until the middle of April.

Mrs. Harry King spent Friday at Pleasant Valley, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams and children spent Sunday near Sumner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Seaman.

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Auction Sale

The undersigned having decided to quit farming, will sell at public auction at his residence located three miles south and one and one quarter miles west of Alma, or one mile west of Arcada Town Hall, on

Monday, March 21

commencing at 12:30 o'clock; the following described property:

HORSES

1 sorrel gelding, 12 yrs. old, wt. 1300
1 sorrel gelding, 14 yrs. old, wt. 1150
1 black mare, 12 years old, wt. 1200
1 brown mare, 8 years old, wt. 1350
1 bay gelding, 6 yrs. old, wt. 1250

CATTLE

1 spotted cow, 10 yrs. old, calf by side
1 grey Durham cow, 9 yrs. old, calf by side
1 grey Durham heifer coming 2, due May 1
1 red Durham heifer, 1 yr. old
1 Holstein heifer, 1 yr. old
1 Jersey heifer, coming 1 yr. old

HOGS

1 Poland China brood sow, 2 yrs. old
1 red sow, 7 months pig, wt. about 125 lbs.

IMPLEMENTS

2 wide tire wagons
1 two horse cultivator
1 Champion mower
1 Syracuse plow
1 open buggy
1 double work harness
1 spike tooth cultivator
1 spring tooth drag almost new
Other articles too numerous to mention

TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of \$5.00 and under, cash; all sums over \$5.00, 10 months' time on good bankable paper at 7 per cent interest.

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THE FRUIT STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Kellieut of Alma called on friends in town Saturday.

S. Miller was in Grand Rapids last week on business.

Prof. D. Snyder spent the week end with friends at Cadillac.

Mrs. Callie Foster and son Archie and little grandson Virgel Smith are staying at the home of Mrs. Ed Ross during the illness of Mrs. B. Smith who has smallpox.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Carney of Alma were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Highfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Friz and daughter Virginia were Alma visitors Friday.

Roy Hill and family have moved onto the George LaPaugh farm, north of town.

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The undersigned having decided to quit farming on account of ill health, will sell the following at public auction at his residence located two miles south, one mile west, one-half mile south and one-quarter mile west of Alma, known as the Allen Hazelton farm on

Thursday, March 17

commencing at 10 A. M.; the following described property:

2 HORSES

Bay mare, 7 years old, wt. 1250
Brown mare, 5 yrs. old, wt. 1300

16 CATTLE

2 calves about three months old
Holstein cow 6 yrs. old, fresh soon
Holstein heifer, been fresh 2 weeks
Holstein cow, 6 yrs. old, giving milk 6 weeks
Jersey and Durham cow, 4 yrs., fresh soon
Durham cow, 4 years old, due soon
Jersey cows, 6 and 8 yrs., giving milk 6 wks.
3 yr. heifer, fresh soon
Spotted heifer, 3 yrs. old, due soon
Roan heifer, 2 yrs. old, fresh soon
Red heifer, 2 yrs. old, fresh soon
Black Holstein, 2 yrs. old, fresh soon
Black heifer, 1 year old
Registered Guernsey bull, 2 yrs. old

35 SHEEP

34 brood ewes due April 30
Registered Shropshire ram

2 HOGS

Brood sow, 2 yrs. old, due April 1st
Registered Duroc-Jersey Boar, 2 years old

40 CHICKENS

FEED

500 bushels of oats
400 bushels of corn
10 bushels of seed corn
4 tons of hay
Quantity of ensilage in silo

FARM IMPLEMENTS, ETC

Portland cutter
Mitchell & Merrill bobbed new
Little Willie cultivator
2 walking plows, Gale and Oliver
Oliver riding plow No. 11
Open buggy good as new
Krause cultivator
3-section spring tooth drag
Grain drill
Horse rake
Dump boards
1 Shuck and 2 Doan scrapers
Sprayers
60 gal. iron kettle
2 wide tire wagons, one nearly new
50 grain sacks
Set of heavy springs for heavy wagon
Log drag
2 set of heavy work harness
1 set of light driving harness
2 wooden beds and springs
10 gal. barrel churn
5 and 10 gal. cream cans
Anker-Holt cream separator, new last year
20 and 30 gal. crocks
50 gal. of vinegar
25 crates
50 bu. of Potatoes
2 galvanized tubs
2 washboards
Kitchen cabinet
Quantity of jars, jugs, forks, hoes
Shovels, chains, ropes, pulleys, forks and other articles not mentioned

TERMS OF SALE

All sums of \$5.00 and under cash; all sums over \$5.00, nine months at 7 per cent interest. No goods removed until settled for.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON

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PROPRIETOR

J. D. HELMAN, Auctioneer

ARTHUR MURPHY, Clerk

